

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

EMS PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE



2014 – 2015 Progress Report

The EMS Preparedness Committee continues to be an active component of CEMSAB. During 2014 the EPC met on ten occasions with active participation from a majority of the committee members.

The EPC added several members to broaden the representation of stake-holders.

Current Committee Members:

Bill Ackley (EPC Chair)	Southwest Regional Council
Gary Allyn	West Hartford Fire Dept.
Jonathan Best	DPH/Preparedness Director
Michele Connelly	DPH/OEMS R1 Coordinator
Mark Franzese	Campion Ambulance
Art Groux	Suffield EMS
Joe Laucella	Trumbull EMS
Jonathan Lillpopp	DPH/OEMS
Jeff Merwin	Southwest C-Med
Alex Morisano	New Britain EMS
Robert Norton	
John Reed	Western CT Health Network/Danbury EMS
Judith Reynolds	DPH/OEMS R2 Coordinator
Damian Rickard	American Ambulance
Joe Soto	Greenwich EMS
Robert Zeigler	Emergency Resource Management

The EPC is working on or has completed the following initiatives:

EMS Operations During Hazardous Conditions-

This document was the result of exhaustive research and collaboration by the EPC members to present strong guidelines to communities, EMS agencies and their response partners when faced with extraordinary weather events impacting the ability, safety and security of responders.

Presented and unanimously accepted by the CEMSAB.

State of Connecticut Mass casualty Trailers-

The EPC has formed a sub-committee to work with DPH Preparedness to:

- Standardize Inventory
- Review deployment and response strategy

EMS All-Hazards Guidelines for EMS-

This will be an extensive document that will address non-clinical challenges presented to EMS providers and communities including, but not limited to:

Mass Casualty/Multi-Patient Incidents	Mass Gatherings	Active Assailant Incidents
EMS Mobilization Plan	Line of Duty Death	Forward movement of patients
Command Decisions for Unusual Occurrences	Incident Rehab	Statewide Resources
Statewide Unit Identifiers/Resources	Incident Action Planning	EMS Involved Incidents

The members of this committee have extraordinary experience and dedication. They are committed, not only to their local communities and providers, but to the entire EMS “System”.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ackley, LP, EMS-I

Chair – EMS Preparedness Committee